



City of Akron, Ohio

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC, MAYOR

October 18, 2011

Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

AT&T has before you a proposal to merge with T-Mobile USA, which is under review in your 11-65 docket. The purpose of this letter is to express my support of this merger. AT&T has proved to us that it will bring benefits to the city of Akron and the state of Ohio.

Akron has been at the forefront of economic development, and we are always looking for ways to grow jobs without further strapping our economic reserves. This private sector solution for job creation would be welcome news for Akron and other Ohio cities.

This merger would provide the opportunity for growth at a time when our national economy is stagnant. Analysts have suggested that investment related to this merger would create an estimated 55,000 to 96,000 new jobs. And, AT&T is the only major wireless company in the U.S. with a union workforce.

In Akron, the company's presence has provided significant benefits. AT&T invested \$75 million in its wireline and wireless network in Akron from 2008 to 2010 and an additional \$90 million in its Akron data center, with another \$40 million planned.

I urge your support of the merger.

Sincerely,

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC
Mayor

cc: Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn